

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

Approximately two years ago Indian Head Park along with nineteen other communities in Lyons Township embarked on a program entitled "Aging Well-- an Initiative of Greater Lyons Township." The program is designed to help senior citizens live a better and longer life by providing them with services, events and information geared to senior living. Funding for this program comes from several private agencies, including locally Community Memorial Foundation and Lyons Township. The Suburban Area Agency on Aging headquartered in Oak Park, Illinois is the lead agency for oversight and direction of the program.

Our Aging Well Team in Indian Head Park currently has fifteen members who are actively working to get ideas and accomplish things that are beneficial to the seniors of our Village. Some of the things that have been accomplished since the program began are improvements in Blackhawk Park, availability of the "File of Life" emergency information card through the Pleasantview Fire Protection District and two Town Hall meetings that provided valuable information to seniors, including an excellent presentation on identity theft which has become a major problem everywhere. We have partnered with Highlands School District #106 which allows students and seniors to interact in musical and theatrical programs and tutoring of students by senior volunteers. Free computer classes for seniors are being offered and have been very successful. The school also provides time early in the morning and late afternoon for seniors to use the school hallways for walking as an enhancement of health.

Since our Village has a relatively small population, we are somewhat limited in what can be provided for seniors. However, some of our neighboring larger communities have many services and functions for seniors that are open to our residents as well. For example, many Hinsdale merchants offer discounts to seniors 65 and over on Mondays; Western Springs has a very active Seniors Club; the Southwest Suburban Center on Aging in LaGrange offers a multitude of services and activities for seniors; and Lyons Township has bus service available and can also offer information on senior services in the area.

We encourage the senior population of our Village to take advantage of these opportunities. We also encourage you to let us know of any ideas or suggestions you may have that would enhance the lives of seniors in Indian Head Park. If

you are interested in participating on our Indian Head Park Aging Well Team or need information on services available for seniors, please call Village Clerk Norman L. Schnauer at (708) 246-0301 or Elaine Terp at (708) 784-0921. Special thanks to Mayor Pellegrino and Trustee Bermier for your tremendous support of our seniors and involvement in the Aging Well Initiative.

On a final note, the election results for Village Trustees held on April 5, 2005 are as follows:

Anne M. Bermier	713	Elected
Deborah A. Anselmo	684	Elected
Carol A. Coleman	682	Elected
Rita Farrell-Mayer	362	

Respectfully yours,

Norman L. Schnauer, Village Clerk

P.S. Congratulations and best wishes to our very own resident Scott Durham upon being elected President of the Pleasant Dale Park District by his colleagues.

Indian Head Park Named Tree City USA

The National Arbor Day Foundation has announced that Indian Head Park was named a Tree City USA to honor its commitment to its community forestry program. The Village of Indian Head Park has received this national recognition for the past fifteen years. An application for a tree permit and approval is required prior to the removal of trees in Indian Head Park (Planned Unit Development areas may have different requirements). To obtain a copy of the Village's tree preservation regulations, please contact the Village Offices at (708) 246-3080. Additional information regarding tree planting may be obtained from the National Arbor Day Foundation Website at: www.arborday.org.

Accomplishments of the past year

Administration:

1. Revised and implemented updated Personnel Policy Manual (1st enacted in 1989).
2. Streamlined utility billing to Administration.
3. Launched Village of Indian Head Park Website.
4. Revitalization, enhancement & development in the commercial district "Triangle"
5. Composed grant summary and forms to acquire funding through the Tobacco Enforcement Grant Program sponsored by the Illinois Liquor Control Commission
6. Prepare code in electronic format for Municipal Code supplement updates and revisions.
7. Created Uniform and Personal Equipment Policy.
8. Received two Safety Awards from the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency.
9. Established quarterly safety inspections of all facilities.
10. Implemented annual employee performance reviews.
11. Reinstated working Safety Committee (held actual meetings with personnel).
12. Nextel savings.
13. Conducted surplus equipment sale.
14. Completed IRMA IMAP Program..
15. Enhancements to cable channel community bulletin board.
16. Creation of Planning & Zoning Ethics Ordinance.
17. Foundation Day Celebration at the Heritage Center

Police Department:

1. Established Training Committee.
2. Re-writing Police Department General Orders; established to ensure properly trained officers for our environment to recognize needs and eliminate unnecessary training.
3. Studied and made recommendation for Central Dispatch.
4. Attended Basic Police Academy; maintained over 90% test average.
5. Ensured that all full-time Officers are trained in using AFIS (Live Scan).
6. Increased Officer visibility on streets by reducing station time and reduced use of unmarked car.
7. Reduced fleet of vehicles to more reasonable number.
8. Established regular command staff meetings with sergeants including sergeants input on budget process and personnel policy matters.
9. Increased enforcement of vehicle stickers.
10. Reviewed local adjudication.
11. Appointment of Crime Prevention Officers to interact with the community.
12. E-Bay Auction of confiscated vehicle bringing in over \$1,500.00.
13. Received Grant for Radio Repeater and Body Armor.
14. Developed plans for Emergency Drug Distribution (Homeland Security).
15. Instituted NIMS Resolution.
16. Developed plans and policy for fiscal responsibility for uniform allowances.

Smoke Signals

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Teepee Topics news items should be submitted to the Newsletter Coordinator at the Municipal Offices.

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Deadline date for the next issue is June 10, 2005.

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Village Clerk:	Norman Schnauer

Director of Administration

and Public Safety: Wayne P. Grane

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	Emergency	9-1-1
Fire Dept.	Non-Emergency	352-9229
	Emergency	9-1-1

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From The Chief's Office

Wayne P. Grane, Chief of Police


In January of this year, the Village Board approved an ordinance regarding unlicensed motorized devices which are defined as any motorized device or vehicle not bearing proper registration plates from the Secretary of State under the provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code. Such devices, including but are not limited to, motor scooters, mopeds, mini-bikes or motorbikes, which are not permitted for use on public streets, public sidewalks, public parks or any other public property owned by the Village of Indian Head Park.

At the last Village Board meeting and after many months of analysis, the Board unanimously voted to approve an ordinance authorizing the Village's participation in Southwest Public Safety Communications (Southwest Central Dispatch). Southwest Central Dispatch is an intergovernmental agency which provides for a joint and mutual operation of a centralized public safety communication system. During the course of the next few months, the Village will be making a transition to the police dispatch services provided by this organization. Please be assured that every aspect of public safety will continue to be of paramount importance to your Police Department and your Village Board.

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Village Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.:

Thursday, May 12, 2005 and Thursday, June 9, 2005

Planning and Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.:

Tuesday, May 10, 2005 and Tuesday, June 7, 2005

E-911 Board 6:30 p.m.:

June 16, 2005

Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:

Thursday, May 5, 2005

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Advertisements

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Moving Sale . Save this date -- Friday, May 20, 2005 -- 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. -- 225 Cascade Drive in Acacia. Items for sale -- Azure 3/4 Mink Coat, Opossum lined trench coat, clothing size 4 to 16, designer fabrics, paintings, frames, roller-blades, Tenor Sax -- new books, Ficus trees, and more.

For Sale. . . . Knock off King Cobra ladies irons and driver. Steal heads, graphite shafts. Good condition, new grips, head covers and pull cart included. \$185.00. Please contact Noel at (708) 246-3022.

Annual Hiawatha Lane Sale!!!!

Please join us on Saturday, May 14, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for this annual event. This has been going on for over 30 years and has always been a success for the buyer and the seller. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jane Kuhn at (708) 246-0293 or come to walk down our beautiful street and enjoy a glass of lemonade!

Indian Head Park Woman's Club News . . .

The Indian Head Park Woman's Club is having one of its largest and hopefully most lucrative fund-raisers of the year. The net proceeds from the ticket sales would help in educating autistic children ages 5-14. An organization called **Giant Steps Illinois** would be the benefactor so as to continue with their ratio of 1:1 in the child's education process. The organization is located in Burr Ridge.

The event that will help in raising the funds will be held on *Saturday, April 30, at the Oak Brook Bath and Tennis Club.* (off 31st Street). The social hour will begin at 11:00 a.m. with a luncheon at 12:00 noon. The fun event is called **A Blast from the Past** with a group called "Nowstalgia" providing the entertainment and music for your listening pleasure. The cost of the tickets are only \$35.00 to cover the cost of the lunch and the day's happenings. At 2:00 p.m. there will be members selling raffle tickets for both the General Raffles and the Grand Raffles. Try your luck, you may be one of the winners. The tickets can be purchased from Pat Pollock by calling (630) 655-0512. The program will end at 3:00 p.m. Please come and join us to help raise funds for this and our other philanthropies.

Student News

DePaul University - Chicago

Congratulations to Eugene Kasmer, of Hiawatha Lane, who was named to the dean's list at DePaul University. His parents are very proud of his academic achievements!

Johnson and Wales University -- Providence, Rhode Island

Janet Walter, the daughter of Albert and Lorraine Walter of Indian Head Park, was named to the dean's list for both the fall and winter trimesters at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island. Janet is majoring in Culinary Arts.

St. Joseph High School -- Westchester

Jonathan Andrews, the son of Richard and Diane Andrews of Indian Head Park, was named an Illinois State Scholar. He is an honor roll student and a member of the National Honor Society at St. Joseph High School in Westchester. Great job Jonathan!

University of Illinois -- Urbana--Champaign

Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park who were named to the dean's list at the University of Illinois--Urbana--Champaign: Agostino Alonzo, Francis Alonzo, Ryan Brummett James Furey and Michael Pellegrino. Keep up the good work!

Nazareth Academy -- LaGrange Park

Nazareth Academy recently announced students who achieved honor roll status with a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0. Congratulations to Cate Gula and Lauren Gula who received honor roll recognition.

LaGrange Highlands Middle School

LaGrange Highlands Middle School recently announced the students who earned honor roll and honorable mention status for the third quarter of the school year. On a 4 point scale, a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 earns honor roll status and 3.0 to 3.49 qualifies for honorable mention. Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park: **(Honor Roll)** Timothy Appleyard, Katie Campbell, Vince Cefali, Megan Creighton, Meredith Dost, Justin Gouty, Sam Hasiakos, Madeline Hasler, Stephen Kovalsky, Jessica Koziel, Lauren Mayer, Molly Minton, Nikki Romano, Michelle Sangirardi, Paul Schied, Miranda Skeehan, Jill Sullivan, Alyssa Whaley, Theresa Begy, Sarah Connor, Kristen Conrath, Alisan Goetz, Christina Harazin, Elena Knetl, Mark Koziel, Victoria Ronin, Anastasia Schied, Willa Skeehan, Alison Austermuehle, Veronica Christopher, Jennifer Daar, Jack Gouty, Rebecca MacDonald, Nina Madjer, Jessica Manuele, Brianna McNamee, Mariel Rogozinski, Julia Watkins and Samantha Yelnick. (Honorable Mentions) Grace Fisher, Ben Kabialis, Nolan Morris, Brittney Pitello, Samantha Pitello, Joe Tullis, Allie Ziolk, Haley Johnson, Amy Sheneman, Anthony Appleyard, Jeremy Carlson, Erica Cione, Connor Kriz and Christopher Sargent.



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TEEPEE TOPICS

The Township of Lyons will be hosting a medication disposal day at the Township Offices (in the Community Room) located at 6404 Joliet Road in Countryside on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have any expired or unused medications or non-prescription medications and wish to safely dispose of these items, please visit the Township on May 11th. For additional information, please call (773) 869-7724. This event is sponsored by the Township of Lyons Board of Trustees, Jerry Strazzante, Chairman of the Special Police Advisory Committee and Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan.

The Pleasantdale Garden Club is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. The Club will be hosting a garden walking tour of five lovely gardens in the area. The event will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tickets purchased in advance are \$10.00 and \$15.00 on the date of the event. If you wish to purchase tickets, please contact Lenore Halac at (708) 246-7562 or any other member of the club.

Come one, come all! The Lyonsville Congregational Church on Wolf and Joliet Roads in Indian Head Park will be hosting their 2nd annual huge garage and bake sale on Saturday, May 21, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Lyonsville Church.

Our condolences to the families and friends of the following who recently passed away: Marie Roche, who was a long time resident of Burr Ridge. Mrs. Roche was the past president and a charter member of the Flagg Creek Historical Society. Beatrice Vivian Langer, a resident of Indian Head Park, who was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose in Berwyn, the LaGrange Highlands Women's Club and LaGrange Newcomers Club. George Kuchar, a resident of Indian Head Park, who was a veteran of the U.S. Army and he served in an artillery unit in World War II in the European Theater. Mr. Kuchar also volunteered at the Western Open for over 30 years. Gertrude Jacobs, a 12 year resident of Indian Head Park who passed away at the age of 97.

Severe Weather Facts

Lightening/Thunderstorms -- Be Alert --- Be Prepared

- Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are likely.
- In your home or building, avoid using the telephones electrical appliances.
- You are safer from lightening in enclosed vehicles.
- Lightening is attracted to tall objects. If caught outdoors and no shelter is available, find a low spot away from trees and poles.
- If you are boating or swimming, get to land and find shelter immediately.
- Lightening often strikes outside of heavy rain, and may occur as far as ten (10) miles away from any rainfalls.

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